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THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN TO THE
UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to bring to your attention the following instances of violations by Iraq of the terms of the ceasefire between the two countries.

1. On 25 February 1997, at 0120 hours, a loud explosion was heard from around the geographic coordinates of 39R TQ 1500002000 on the map of Nim-Eistagh-Navad, in no man's land, north of border pillars 7/13 and 7/14.
2. On 25 February 1997, at 0915 hours, one Iraqi IFA vehicle, carrying 15 individuals, left Mandali moving towards the Sumar region. It dropped six individuals at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5400039000 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/5, and left the area after a while.
3. On 27 February 1997, at 1200 hours, one Iraqi jeep with six occupants was observed moving at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 6100024000 on the map of Ghasr-Shirin, north of Berar-Aziz, in no man's land. At the same time 12 explosions were heard in the same area.
4. On 27 February 1997, at 1900 hours, one Iraqi helicopter landed across from the Hamrein heights (the Anbar River region), inside Iraqi territory. It left the area after having stayed for a while.
5. On 27 February 1997, around 20 Iraqi troops were observed moving and patrolling around the geographic coordinates of 39R QA 8000340000, 38R QA 6300028000 and 38R TQ 1400012000 on the map north of Hoor al-Hovaiza, west of border pillars 18/3 and 7/20 and south and south-west of border pillars 21/1, 21/2 and 21/3.
6. On 28 February 1997, eight Iraqi vehicles were observed moving on the Naft-Shar road.



7. On 1 March 1997, from 1015 to 1550 hours, 18 different Iraqi vehicles carrying about 90 armed individuals equipped with 3 Dush-K machine-guns entered the Iraqi Chilat sentry post.
8. On 1 March 1997, at 1250 hours, an Iraqi vehicle with three occupants equipped with one Dush-K machine-gun entered the town of Mondaria at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 420000500 on the map of Khosravi and the Custom's Office, in no man's land, north of border pillar 53/2, and left the area at 1320 hours on the same day.
9. On 1 March 1997, at 1900 hours, two unmarked aircraft were observed flying across from the Khorramshahr area, on the other side of the border.
10. On 1 March 1997, Iraqi troops reactivated a stronghold at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 2000072000 on the map of Khorramshahr, south of border pillar 1/4.
11. On 2 March 1997, at 1500 hours, three Iraqi troops, at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4500099000, on the map of Khosravi, south of border pillar 51, were observed digging a trench that extended as far as 300 metres away from the Chirzad sentry post. They returned to their earlier position at 1630 on the same day.
12. On 2 March 1997, two Iraqi vehicles were observed moving from the Chalaie sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4300065000 on the map of Naft-Shahr, in no man's land, west of the Gane Kabood River, towards Naft-Khana at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4100066000 on the map of Naft-Shahr.
13. On 2 March 1997, three Iraqi soldiers were observed digging strongholds around the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4500099000 on the map of Khosravi, south of border pillar 51.
14. On 5 March 1997, at 1645 hours, six Iraqi troops visited the Iraqi sentry post across from the Hosseinieh area, north of Shalamcha and south of Kooshk. They left the post following a stay of two hours.
15. On 5 March 1997, six Iraqi boats with 12 armed occupants were observed patrolling the area across from the Hoor al-Hovaiza area.
16. On 5 March 1997, Iraqi troops fired three illuminators at the geographic coordinates of 38ND 4050001700 on the map of Khosravi, between border pillars 53 and 53/1.
17. On 6 March 1997, at 1220 hours, two armed Iraqi shepherds were observed pasturing their two herds of sheep at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4700076000 on the map of west Sizda, west of border pillar 46/1.
18. On 6 March 1997, at 1500 hours, an Iraqi mechanical shovel was observed operating opposite the Khosravi border area.
19. On 6 March 1997, 80 Iraqi motor boats, carrying around 190 individuals, were observed patrolling in the Arvand River.

20. On 7 March 1997, at 1230 hours, Iraqi personnel set up one group tent across from the Hoor al-Hovaiza area and stationed 18 soldiers there.
21. On 8 March 1997, loud explosions and shooting with heavy weapons were heard from inside the territory north of Hoor al-Hovaiza and Khosro-Abad.
22. On 9 March 1997, at 0900 hours, Iraqi troops fired Dush-K machine-guns at the geographic coordinates of 38R AQ 6900014000 on the map of Saeidieh 12 different times. At the same time, three 60-mm mortar rounds were fired at the reed-beds opposite the Khorramshahr area. The sounds were heard in south Hoor al-Hovaiza.
23. On 9 March 1997, at 1200 hours, one Iraqi helicopter was observed flying around the Charghad-Sang sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 4400078000 on the map of Naft-Shahr, behind the Zein al-Ghous heights and Chavarbakh.
24. On 9 March 1997, at 1230 hours, one Iraqi aircraft broke the sound barrier over the Tiheh-Kooh border heights.
25. On 9 March 1997, at 1630 hours, Iraqi troops engaged in force movement and replacement across from Minoo Island. Their observation operation in the area as well as patrols in Arvand Rud in light boats under the pretext of fishing have been resumed.
26. On 10 March 1997, at 0900 hours, an Iraqi loader and three trucks were observed excavating at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 7200054000 on the map of south Hoor al-Hovaiza, around border pillar 14/B.
27. On 10 March 1997, an Iraqi mechanical shovel was observed excavating at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 5000040000 on the map of Khosro-Abad, in no man's land, south of Nahr al-Koot.
28. On 10 March 1997, at 0900 hours, one Iraqi loader and three trucks were observed excavating at the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5400073000 on the map of south Hoor al-Hovaiza, south of border pillar 14/B.
29. On 10 March 1997, at 1200 hours, four Iraqi army commanders, escorted by four people in two vehicles, entered the Mandaria Customs Office at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4280004900 on the map of Khosravi in no man's land, and after inspection left the area.
30. On 11 March 1997, at 0720 hours, a mechanical shovel and a white vehicle were observed digging a canal at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5900029900 on the map of Kani-Sheikh between border pillars 39/6 and 39/7.
31. On 12 March 1997, at 0830 hours, an Iraqi vehicle carrying six individuals left Mandali travelling towards the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5400035000 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/3 and Kani-Sheikh, where they built a cabin.

32. On 12 March 1997, at 1900 hours, the firing of two mortar shots was heard from the geographic coordinates of 38R QV 5400073000 on the map of south Hoor al-Hovaiza and south of border pillar 14/8.
33. On 14 March 1997, at 0830 hours, three Iraqi mechanical shovels were observed operating opposite the Khosro-Abad area.
34. On 18 March 1997, at 1235 hours, seven Iraqi individuals, two of whom were senior officers, travelling in a white Toyota vehicle, entered the Iraqi post opposite the Khein River, opposite Khorramshahr. They left the post heading for Basra after 10 minutes.
35. On 18 March 1997, at 1550 hours, a khaki-coloured patrol vehicle carrying five individuals entered the Khein River post opposite Khorramshahr. It returned to Basra after 20 minutes.
36. On 22 March 1997, at 1055 hours, one Iraqi military helicopter was observed flying from Basra towards Faw (the area opposite Khosro-Abad).
37. On 22 March 1997, at 1050 hours, two helicopters, one white and bearing the United Nations insignia and the other khaki-coloured, following two rounds of aerial observation of the Iranian Customs Office at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 42800049000 on the map of Khosravi and the Khosravi sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4200005000 on the map of Khosravi, crossed the international border into Iranian territory at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 3820091150 for nearly 200 metres. They landed at border point zero and dropped 12 people who inspected the area, one of whom proceeded to film the surrounding area and the existing installations in Iranian territory. They left the area in the direction of Iraqi territory at 1350 hours on the same day.
38. On 23 March 1997, at 1100 hours, six armed Iraqi individuals were observed patrolling in the area opposite the Ghasr-Shirin border area.
39. On 24 March 1997, at 1430 hours, two Iraqi helicopters were observed flying from Khaneghein towards the Chahar-Bagh heights.
40. On 24 March 1997, at 1830 hours, Iraqi troops installed a communication tower at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 2950061200 on the map of Khorramshahr, opposite Minoo Island.
41. On 25 March 1997, at 0900 hours, two Iraqi mechanical shovels were observed operating across from the Khosro-Abad area.
42. On 27 March 1997, at 0730 hours, an Iraqi mechanical shovel was observed excavating at the geographic coordinates of 38S 6100023000 on the map of Kani-Sheikh.
43. On 27 March 1997, at 1200 hours, three Iraqi commanders visited the sentry post at the Mandaria Customs Office at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4280004900 on the map of Khosravi, and left the area after a while.

44. On 31 March 1997, at 1830 hours, one Iraqi vehicle carrying 15 individuals moved from the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5000036000 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/4 and Kani-Sheikh, to the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5300036000 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/4 and Kani-Sheikh, where they set up a yellow tent.
45. On 31 March 1997, the Iranian border guards ambushed a number of Iraqi armed bandits who infiltrated into Iranian territory at the Ahangaran heights in the Sar-Pol Zahab area, around the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 6800026000 on the map of Ghasr-Shirin, south of Beshkan and north-east of border pillar 60/3. As a result of the subsequent clash, one Iranian soldier, Rafat Asgari, received a bullet fired by the infiltrators and was martyred.
46. On 1 April 1997, at 1054 hours shooting by light weapons was heard for 10 minutes from Al-Feiz hill at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 87800137000 on the map of Helala-tapa-Shahr, at the Meimak heights, north-west of border pillar 35/3.
47. On 1 April 1997, at 1020 hours, an Iraqi loader with a crew of four left the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5070036200 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/4 and Kani-Sheikh, and headed for geographic coordinates 38S NC 5510036200 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 40/4 to the Gangir River, and proceeded to excavate along the river.
48. On 2 April 1997, at 1130 hours, one Iraqi loader and two mechanical shovels were observed operating opposite the Khosro-Abad area.
49. On 3 April 1997, at 1230 hours, the firing of two mortar shots by the Iraqi troops was heard from across the Khorramshahr area.
50. On 3 April 1997, at 1620 hours, one Iraqi vehicle entered the town of Mandaria, opposite Khosravi in the Islamic Republic of Iran. It left the area after having dropped two armed individuals.
51. On 3 April 1997, at 2310 hours, a number of Iraqis fired some illuminators in the area opposite Naft-Shahr, at a distance of 300 metres from the border.
52. On 4 April 1997, at 2115 hours, Iraqi troops fired two illuminators in the area opposite Hovaiza.
53. On 6 April 1997, at 1125 hours, one Iraqi mechanical shovel was observed operating in the area opposite Naft-Shahr.
54. On 7 April 1997, at 1400 hours, one Iraqi mechanical shovel was observed excavating in the area opposite Hoor al-Hovaiza.
55. On 7 April 1997, at 1440 hours, one Toyota, carrying four individuals, entered the area at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 3600065000 on the map of Naft-Shahr, west of Chalaie. It left the area after 20 minutes with seven individuals and one Dush-K rifle.

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56. On 8 April 1997, at 1110 hours, the Iraqi troops based at the Al-Meghdad sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S ND 4100009000 on the map of Khosravi, between border pillars 54 and 55, were observed gathering and attending training courses.
57. On 8 April 1997, from 1120 to 1830 hours, four individuals with an Iraqi loader were observed digging a canal opposite the Mehran border area.
58. On 8 April 1997, at 1200, 1210 and 1220 hours respectively, three different Iraqi military helicopters were observed flying over the slope of the Chavar-Bakh heights of Naft-Shahr.
59. On 9 April 1997, at 0900 hours, an Iraqi loader was observed excavating at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5590039500 on the map of Sumar, south-west of border pillar 41. It left the area after seven hours of activity.
60. On 10 April 1997, at 1000 hours, six Iraqi loaders and cranes were observed constructing a road at the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 2700069000 on the map of Khorramshahr, south of Koot-Zein, across from where the Karun and Arvand rivers meet.
61. On 10 April 1997, at 1130 hours, the firing of eight mortar shells around the Chavar-Bakh heights opposite northern Naft-Shahr was heard.
62. On 10 April 1997, at 1205 hours, an Iraqi helicopter was observed flying from north to south around the Chavar-Bakh heights opposite northern Naft-Shahr.
63. On 12 April 1997, at 0935 hours, an unmarked helicopter was observed flying at low altitude from the direction of Basra to Fow.
64. On 13 April 1997, at 1010 hours, an Iraqi loader and four vehicles were observed excavating opposite the Sumar area.
65. On 15 April 1997, Iraqi troops based around the geographic coordinates of 39R TP 4800045000 on the map of Khosro-Abad opposite Moavia Island and the Khorram River, installed a Dush-K machine-gun at their base.
66. On 16 April 1997, at 1035 hours, one white helicopter, after seven minutes of flying at an altitude of 200 feet over the border, landed at a distance of 800 metres from the border in Iraqi territory. Three Iraqi military personnel and five civilians, apparently European journalists, disembarked and, following an inspection of the area and photographing the installations and Shalamcha's gate, they were briefed by an Iraqi senior officer and subsequently left the area, aboard the same helicopter, in the direction of Basra at 1210 hours.
67. On 16 April 1997, at 1140 hours, the Iraqi troops based at the Doola-Shareef sentry post at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5400041000 on the map of Sumar, west of border pillar 43, fired three bullets in the direction of the border.
68. On 16 April 1997, at 1430 hours, the Iranian border guards from the Berar-Aziz sentry post intercepted a number of Iraqi armed smugglers about two

miles east of the post. As a result of the exchange of fire, one of the smugglers, armed with one Kalashnikov assault rifle and 12 bullets, was injured in the foot and then arrested, and other Iraqi smugglers fled back to Iraq.

69. On 18 April 1997, at 1430 hours, an Iraqi loader was observed operating at the geographic coordinates of 38S NC 5400044000 on the map of Sumar, north and south of border pillars 44/1 and 44/2, Jabal Kohnch-Reeg (Kohnch-Reeg heights), in no man's land.

70. On 18 April 1997, at 2030 hours, the sounds of several mortar shells fired by the Iraqi troops across from the Hoor al-Hovaiza area were heard.

It would be highly appreciated if this letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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